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In re Application of:  
**Angus Dorbie**

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Examiner: Huedung X. Cao

For: **Method and Apparatus for Early Culling of Occluded Objects**

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In response to the Official Action dated 01/16/2004, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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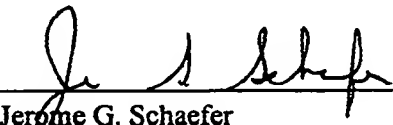
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respectfully requests that the Examiner provide either a reference or an Affidavit supporting his conclusion to substantiate the rejection. Otherwise, Applicant respectfully considers the 35 U.S.C §103(a) rejection of Claim 11 to be improper and submits that a prima facie case of obviousness has not been substantively established. Applicant respectfully traverses the 35 U.S.C §103(a) rejection of Claim 11 and requests respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the §103 rejection.

**Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments and additions place the claims in a condition for allowance by overcoming the Examiner's objections or traversing the Examiner's rejections. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration for all pending claims and an appropriate Notice of Allowance.

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